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1. Between March and April 1951, posters of the Sokol sports association invited Czech youth to volunteer for parachute training. [REDACTED] the military training department of the Sokol County Office at Hradec Kralove (O 51/G 71). After about one week, [REDACTED] After short interrogations by civilians he was told that the parachute training would be conducted from 5 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday at the military training grounds north of Novy Hradec Kralove (O 51/G 70), east of the highway to Hradec Kralove. This troop training ground covers an area about 1,000 meters square. *
2. The training was supervised by four civilians who had graduated from an instructors' course in Prague. About 53 youths, including 7 girls, all from 17 to 22 years old, participated in the training course. The training program included close order drill, the throwing of egg-shaped hand grenades, and firing practice with air rifles. During the parachute training stress was laid on correct landings by the trainees. In late June 1951, those participating in the training were assembled at Hradec Kralove civil airfield. Ten trainees made one parachute jump each from a Dakota-type plane. The instructors said that the trainees were to be encouraged to join the parachute troops after completion of their training.
3. The civil and military airfield, located north of Hradec Kralove, west of the Pouchov-Rusek (O 51/G 71) highway, covered an area 1,500 x 2,000 meters. A hangar housing civil aircraft and a single-story low wooden building were observed in the northern portion of the field. Three hangars for military aircraft, and southwest of them three three-story barracks buildings, were available in the southern portion of the field. The landing field was level and had a grass cover. **
4. It was generally known in Hradec Kralove that an unidentified Soviet colonel was stationed at the field. This colonel usually wore civilian clothes, was about 45 years old, 170 cm tall, had brown grizzled hair and a round face. He lived on Ulice Revolučního odboje hnutí, formerly Strelecká Ulice. ***

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- 25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Premilitary parachute training by the Sokol sports association was previously reported. The military training ground north of Novy Hradec Kralove is probably the Hradec Kralove military post training grounds.
- 25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the Hradec Kralove airfield, which is used by the local air force academy, is confirmed.
- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. The presence in Hradec Kralove of a Soviet advisor which is believed credible, was previously reported.

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